



MINOR HOCKEY RESULTS

BY BOB ROSS JR.

MINOR BANTAM Semi-Final Series "B" (April 2) Avenue Taxi 4. Reynolds Shoe House 1. David Putnam rapped home two goals and Bob McMeekin assisted on three as Avenue Taxi won the first game of the best-of-three series.

Also picking up assists were George Babcock and Brian Armstrong. Paul Jarvis scored the only goal for Reynolds with assists going to Ken Harmon and John Greenfield.

Reynolds 5, Avenue 1. Reynolds tied the series April 8 and set the stage for the third and final game April 10 at 8 pm with the winner to advance into the finals.

It was the explosive three goal performance of Paul Jarvis that led the way with singles picked up by Ray McCarville and Glenn Jarvis. Darryl Conday and Brendon Wood drew two assists each with the others going to Billy Bounds and McCarville.

Bob McMeekin scored the only goal for Avenue unassisted. MINOR BANTAM Semi-Final Series "A" (April 2) Murphy Real Estate 5, Rotary Club 0.

Tim Middleton scored twice and added an assist to spark his team's win in the first game of the best-of-three series. Other goals went to Ricky Murphy, Jeff Switzer, and Larry Hase-man. Pete Kennedy assisted on two goals with the others going to Mike Wood and Craig Sharp.

Murphy Real Estate 4, Rotary Club 1. It was two up and two down for Murphy Real Estate to advance into the finals.

Mike Wood was the big man in this one with three goals to go along with David Tatum's one. Pete Kennedy notched two assists with singles going to

Snowmobile Operators Marauding Lake Simcoe Area Beaver Traps

A new type of snowmobile marauder put in his appearance in the Lake Simcoe District this winter.

Department of Lands and Forests officials report complaints have been received from trappers complaining of people on snowmobiles interfering with the set traps.

Most of the complaints have come from the northern part of Lake Simcoe District in the registered trappers zone. Townships affected are Matchedash, Wood and Baxter.

One trapper described how he had travelled several miles to look at four beaver sets he had made.

He found all traps had been pulled out from under the ice and the beaver sets completely destroyed. There were snowmobile tracks leading from one set to another.

A department official noted that "very few people realize the amount of work involved in making a beaver set under the ice to catch beaver."

"It must be very discouraging," he said, "to the trapper when he finds someone has tampered with the set and he has all the work of making it over again, plus the loss of time, and the fur could have caught if the trap had not been disturbed."

He also pointed out a fact of life that could discourage any future snowmobile escapades along similar lines.

Section 54 (a) of the Game and Fish Act states: "No person shall touch or interfere with any set trap, unless authorized to do so by law or by the owner thereof."

The section carries a penalty up to \$1,000.

Elsewhere on the snowmobile front, the Ontario Safety League reports that there "appears to be some reduction this season in the number of accidents and fatalities in spite of a greater number of snowmobiles in use throughout Ontario."

Close to 150,000 snowmobiles were in operation in Ontario this season and between three and four hundred thousand people were involved in their use.



TOM HUGHES

Don Little Ford Sales Limited is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Tom Hughes as Sales Representative. Mr. Hughes is well known in the community having operated a Shell Service Station at Bayview-Markham for many years. Mr. Hughes is married with six children and has resided at 517 Lynett Crescent, Richmond Hill, for the past 13 years.

Mr. Hughes is an enthusiastic supporter of sports in Richmond Hill and has sponsored Senior A Football, Minor and Junior Hockey Teams.

If you would like to talk cars at any time why not drop in and have a chat with Tom.

Whether it's Lease Or Buy Give Tom A Try

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

Dog's Breakfast

Strictly a smorgasbord today. Or, to be brutally realistic, a dog's breakfast. And I've had many of those.

Firstly, you can't escape it. It's NHL playoff time and all hockey fans are a-quiver as they prepare to blow their week's wages betting for this team or that one. But not me. I've said it before and I'll say it again. If I bet on the sun rising tomorrow at 6 am or whatever ungodly hour it does, it would turn out to be the moon.

But this doesn't stop me from picking my favorite team, the one that's my sentimental choice, strictly from the heart (and don't snicker when I say heart).

It has to be Detroit Red Wings. Sure I know some of you are miffed about the Red Wings, the supposedly terrible thing they did to Montreal Canadiens by bowing so ignominiously to New York Rangers on the final day of the season. Helping to boot The Canadiens out of playoff contention. I didn't particularly like it either but I've managed to control my tears.

I can't really get too emotionally drenched at Montreal being ushered out in such unceremonious fashion. You have to make the playoffs, make anything, on your own merits. They had 70 games to do it but couldn't. So they ended up where they deserved. Like the Leafs.

The Canadiens have been a great team through the years, have won many a victory. So no tears. Besides, a little bitter defeat once in awhile sometimes makes you a better man. Kind of seasons the ego. Takes the cockiness out of you. Could that have happened to me? Yes, you want to believe it.

As for Detroit's somewhat ungraceful final game? No sentimental complaining here. The NHL may be a lot of things, it ain't sentimental. Believe me.

What Detroit did by taking it easy, resting their key players, they all would have done. But on second thought there is a lot of sentiment in the NHL. They just spell the word different. They spell it "money".

I like Detroit because of five reasons. They are Gordie Howe, Carl Brewer, Frank Mahovlich, Bob Baun, and Roger Crozier.

Because they're great? Yes and no. Howe because he is great, perhaps the greatest, is drawing to the end of a fabulous career and is still going strong.

Brewer because once upon a time he stood up as an individual and told management, "The Leafs, they couldn't run his life. And he made it work too. Beautiful, just beautiful. The world still has individualists, still has heroes, and sometimes they do win. He's not a bad player either."

Mahovlich because he is a great player and because he's shafted some of his more vocal critics at Maple Leaf Gardens. Beautiful again. I hope he continues to do so in the playoffs. I might add I've never been one of his detractors. Have always admired him.

Baun? I still remember Baun scoring that overtime goal a few years ago against yes, The Red Wings, to give The Leafs the cup. And I remember his hitting. And he's hitting good now. Yea, Baun. Crozier because there was also the time they were talking about him like they are now about Tony Esposito. And don't count him out. He's still a great goalie. So, that's why I like Detroit. Strictly sentiment.

But enough of this. On to other things.

WEIGHT FOR ME Always get a quiet chuckle whenever I see someone get all excited about taking exercises, getting all that extra poundage off. Mind you, it's a sympathetic chuckle.

They mean well. It's just that they talk so much about doing it, they talk themselves out of it. Know a couple of fellows who got so emotional about getting in shape they rushed out to spend a good buck to join Vic Tanny's.

Great idea. How long did they go? Twice I think. What did they do? Used the Sauna bath. Might as well take a shower at home, or a bath. But that's life.

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MEMO FROM A CAR DEALER

WOULD YOU DRIVE A HUNDRED MILES FOR A STUCK WINDOW?

Some new car owners are "stuck" with having to. And another hundred for a badly-fitted door. And another hundred for a stubborn water leak.

They often decide then they should have bought closer to home and chalk their lesson up to experience.

A new car buyer who purchases out of his marketing area to "save" a few dollars on price, frequently saves nothing and robs himself of the driving satisfaction he paid for but didn't get.

Door adjustments, water leaks, rattles and dozens of other small problems that become big problems when they are neglected, fall under the responsibility of the selling dealer and are NOT covered by warranty.

Many of these service problems that annoy motorists could have been avoided by adequate new car make-ready service at the dealer's garage.

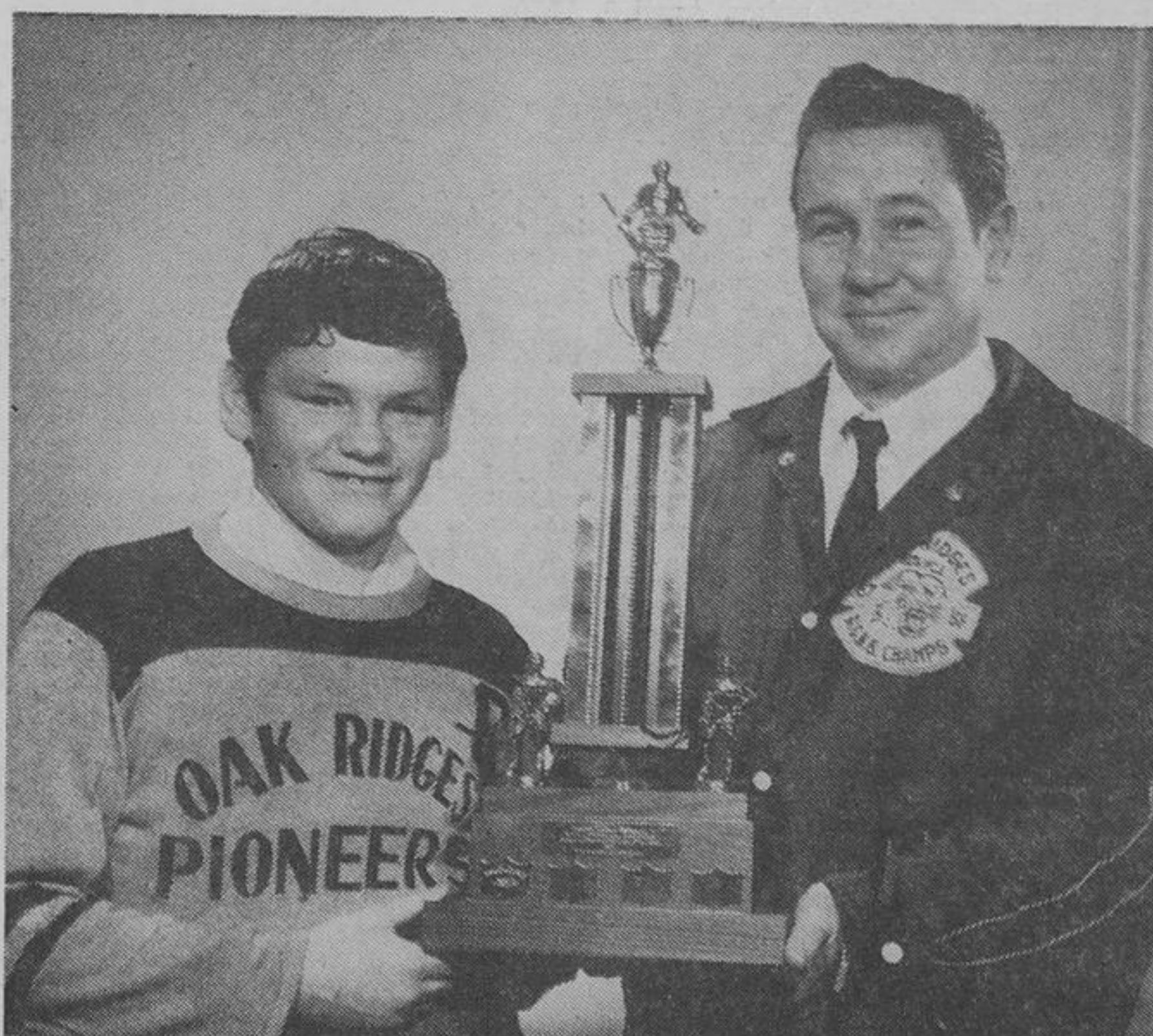
When warranty is involved, costly diagnosis time and factory red-tape often make the work unprofitable. But a reputable dealer looks upon it as a customer-keeping necessity.

A car buyer interested only in the "deal", usually ends up with a dealer who feels the same way. And the dealer almost always gets the best of the bargain.

See you next week.

D.J. Strupat

TWIN HILLS MERCURY RICHMOND HILL



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Oak Ridges Pioneers Are Champs

It was a good season for the Oak Ridges Pioneers Peeewe Hockey Team. Sponsored by the Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Association and playing home games in the Bradford Arena, the Pioneers achieved a record of 12 wins, four losses and four ties in regular league play.

The climax of the season came in early March when they won the "Whipper Billy Watson Trophy" in the Keswick Tournament as they took the Little NHL "B" Series Championship. In the picture above Captain John Lenneville (left) and Coach Peter Jones proudly display this trophy. Don Smith is manager of the team.

This win qualified Oak Ridges to participate in the "B" class at the Grimsby Tournament and they made it to the finals by defeating Grimsby 7-0 in the first round and Durham 2-0 in the second round, but lost the championship event to Beamsville 8-2.

In the first game of this tournament Lenneville was awarded the Most Valuable Player Trophy and in the second game Alan Heintzman copped a similar award.

Fabulous Fifteen Tie First Playoff Game

The time clock read eight minutes left to play and OMNI OBLI's Fabulous Fifteen hockey team was trailing West Hill 3-1 in the first game of the Toronto City Hockey League semi-finals.

Two goals by Cameron Christopher and Martin Jelly changed what look like certain defeat into a face-saving tie game.

Earlier in the match Stacy Richard had tallied to put the fifteen in front 1-0, temporarily.

Defensive lapses by the local team gave West Hill three goals and the score could have been much more but for the fine goaltending of Bob Slater. The West Hill team were held scoreless for two periods by Bouncing Bob and for his efforts he gained the accolades of all fans.

On three occasions Slater glove-drove to the top corners to keep his shutout alive and late in the third period stopped a two-man breakaway only to have the loose puck ignored by his defence and become West Hill's third counter.

Other good performances were turned in by Craig Bowden, who saw only limited action and Glen Keen, a constant checker when the team was short-handed through penalties.

The Fabulous Fifteen are coached and operated by the players themselves and are drawing a 20-game schedule to a close with this playoff series, where they will be distributed.

Firemen Collect Skates

The Richmond Hill Fire Department collected 150 pairs of used skates this season.

The skates were handed over to the Indian Affairs Branch.

Their new owners will be needy Indian children in Manitoulin Island and other areas where they will be distributed.

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